

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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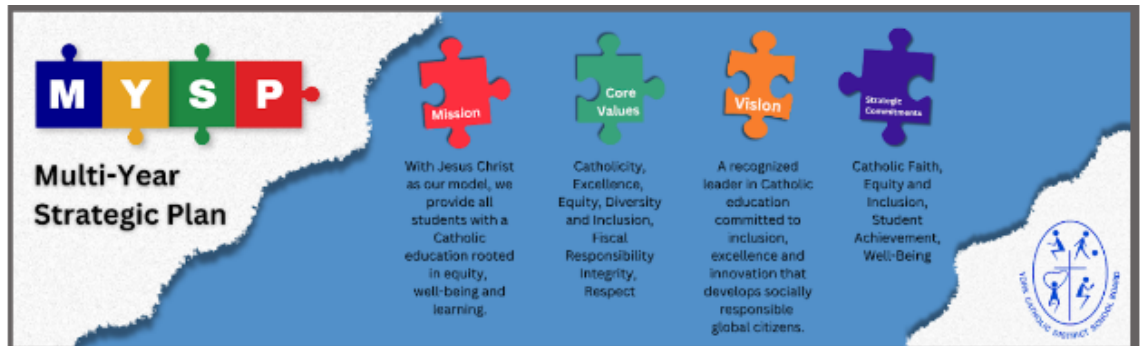
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Pastor

Rev. George Parayil

Principal

Mr. A. Modica



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The day is finally here! Our students worked hard to reach our goal during our Halloween Fundraiser, and on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025, all of our students will have their chance to tape Mr. Modica to the wall! We look forward to a fun morning, as each class will be called down to the main foyer to participate.

To report student absences and lates,

call 1-855-856-7862

or visit

go.schoolmessenger.ca

Please see the information below for our upcoming week at St. Padre Pio.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Our School Day:
8:15 - Supervision Begins
8:30 - Classes Begin
9:50-10:05 - AM Recess
11:25-12:25 - Lunch
1:45 - 2:00 -PM Recess
3:20 - End of Day

Mr. A. Modica
Principal

LENTEN PRAYER

Throughout the month of March, we share our Lenten prayer with students and would also like to share it with our families:

God of the Journey, walk with us this Lent.
Teach us to pray, fast, and give in ways that
bring us closer to you.
Help us to persevere in staying with you
on the journey through Lent to Easter.
Amen.



ST. PADRE PIO LENTEN MASS

On Thursday, April 10th, 2025, we welcome Fr. George and our Grade 3 students, who will be celebrating our Lenten Mass. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcome to attend. The Mass will begin at 10:10 am in our gym.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

On Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, St. Padre Pio will be recognizing Autism Awareness Day by inviting students to wear blue.



KISS AND RIDE/BUS ROUTE REMINDERS

With your continued support, we hope to keep our Kiss and Ride and Bus Route areas safe for all families. Please remember the following:

- Please ensure students are exiting directly onto the sidewalk.
- If you plan on walking your child to the yellow gate, please use a designated parking spot.
- Please do not leave your car idling.
- Ensure that you do not park or stop in the **Bus Drop Off** area, this is not an area for parking and you can receive a ticket
- By-Law officers will be visiting schools over the next few weeks



SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ONTARIO LEARNING HUB

By Your Side

Parent/caregiver resources to support mental health learning and well-being in every family

Parents and caregivers want their children to be physically and mentally healthy, and already have many effective tools and strategies in place.

By Your Side recognizes the expertise of parents and caregivers and offers resources to support learning and strengthen mental health and well-being in every family.

Key topics in the Parent/Caregiver Learning Hub include:

- Understanding mental health
- Promoting mental health at home
- Supporting mental health at school
- Stress and anxiety management
- Substance use prevention
- Navigating digital technology use
- Reaching out for help

The **By Your Side** Parent/Caregiver Learning Hub ensures all families can access information and strategies that promote mental health and well-being at home.

Access the hub!

smho-smso.ca/parents-and-caregivers



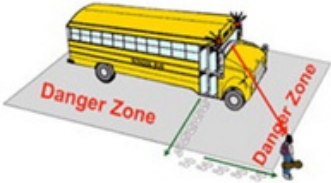
ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL MARCH INFO

“The wheels on the bus go round and round...” Walking to the school bus stop and riding the bus to school are considered important forms of active school travel. Students who live outside of the Non-Transportation Zone for their home school qualify for school bus service.

Walking to the bus stop and riding the bus provides a number of benefits including:

- Teaching children the value of time and being organized
- Keeping children active, which leads to strong physical and mental health
- Encouraging social interaction and improving and building social skills
- Keeping communities safe and reducing private automobile traffic congestion
- Reducing environmental air pollution
- Making school more accessible for all children

Ministry of Transportation School Bus Safety Tips

When you board or leave the bus	While on the bus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Wait in a safe place away from the edge of the road● Stay out of the DANGER ZONE. If you can touch the bus, you're too close. Use 10 giant steps to take you out of the DANGER ZONE, and make sure you and the bus driver can see each other.● Always cross the road in front of the bus, never behind.● Look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before you cross in front of a bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stay seated, facing forward at all times● Don't put things in the aisle● Never distract the bus driver● Don't eat or drink while on the bus● Don't yell, push people or throw things● Keep your arms and head inside the bus 

If your child does not qualify for the school bus, we encourage walking/cycling/scootering or parking a block away and walking the rest of the way. For those who can't walk/cycle/scooter every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits.

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to both our Intermediate Boys and Girls basketball teams as they played well in their divisional tournaments this week. Each player gave their all, demonstrating incredible grit and sportsmanship throughout the games. We are extremely proud of how the teams handled themselves both on and off the court, representing our school with pride, determination, and unwavering commitment.

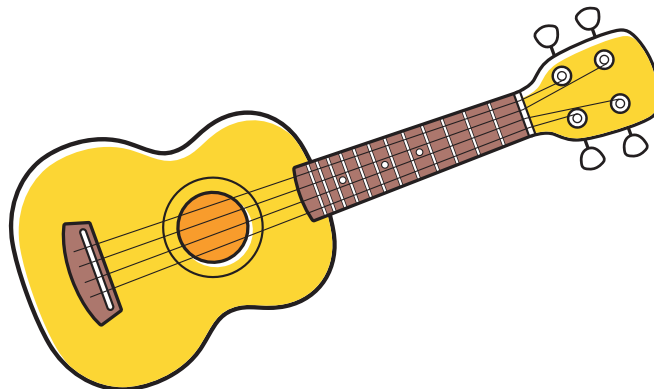
A huge thank you to all the boys and girls, as well as our coaches, for their dedication, time, and relentless pursuit of excellence in the sport. Go Panthers Go!



UKULELE CLUB CONCERT

On Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, members of our Ukulele Club will be performing for their families in the gym at noon. Parents who attend are asked to sign in at the office before making their way to the gym for the performance.

Flyers for their next session will be going home with students this week. Please see the flyer attached below for details.



PAUL DAVIS: SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE SAFETY

On Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 our CSC has invited Paul Davis for a special parent presentation in our Gym at 7:00 pm. We encourage all families to attend. Mr. Davis will also be presenting to our Grades 6 to 8 students live and our Grades 4 to 5 virtually.

To help with organizing the evening, we ask interested families to complete the following [Google Form](#) by Friday, March 28th, 2025.

**SOCIAL MEDIA
AND ONLINE SAFETY
AN EVENING FOR
PARENTS WITH
PAUL DAVIS**

TOPICS INCLUDE

**SOCIAL MEDIA
SMARTPHONES
DIGITAL TRAILS
CYBERBULLYING
SEXTING
ONLINE GAMING
ONLINE GROOMING
& PRIVACY**



**ST PADRE PIO
APRIL 9, 2025
7:00 PM**



Ukulele kids™

A Canada Not-For Profit Corporation

Join the
ukulele craze sweeping
Great Britain, the U.S. and
now Canada

Why is the ukulele so popular?

- easiest instrument in the world to learn
- children can sing and play at the same time
- great stepping stone to the guitar
- comes in bright cheery colours
 - inexpensive and portable
 - simply fun!

The Ukulele Kids Formula for Fun:

kids
+
bright coloured ukuleles
+
great songs
=
the best time ever
learning a musical
instrument!



Turn the page for information about Ukulele Kids classes at your child's school

www.ukulelekids.org

St. Padre Pio CES Ukulele Kids Club

START DATE: Tuesday April 15, 2025
END DATE: Tuesday June 10, 2025
TIME: 11:25 am – 12:25 pm
DURATION: 9 weeks
ROOM LOCATION: Music Room
PROGRAM OPEN TO: Grades 1 to 6
REGISTRATION: **MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE**
www.ukulelekids.org

COST:

Beginner: \$139.00 includes 9 lessons and a songbook.

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A UKULELE TO PARTICIPATE.

Ukuleles are available for purchase upon registration at a cost of \$60.
(Carry bag, picks with holder, tax & delivery included on first day of class)
Colours: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Pink, Purple, Orange, Brown

Returning Students: \$129.00 (already have a ukulele and songbook)

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE
www.ukulelekids.org

PAYMENT OPTIONS: E-transfer, Cash, Cheque or Credit Card

After Saturday April 12, 2025, we cannot guarantee ukulele colour choice and there will be a \$15.00 late registration fee.

If you need assistance registering, please call Linda Pfeifer at 416-8331-9939 or email us at linda@ukulelekids.ca

**Online and in-home private lessons available for all instruments.
Register at www.ukulelekids.org**

UPCOMING HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER PRIZE DATES

Tape Mr. Modica to the Wall

Thursday, April 3rd, 2025

Ice Cream Sandwich Day

Tuesday, April 29th, 2025



April

Wed. April 2nd

World Autism Awareness Day

Tues. April 8th

Grade 8 Grad Photo Day

Wed. April 9th

Paul Davis Presentation (Grades 6 to 8)
Parent Presentation (7:00 pm)

Thurs. April 10th, 2025

Lenten Mass (10:10 am)

Thurs. April 17th, 2025

Stations of the Cross

Fri. April 18th

Good Friday (School Closed)

Mon. April 21st

Easter Monday (School Closed)

Wed. April 30th

Grade 8 Grad Photo Retake Day

